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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SENATOR KENNEDY TO JAPAN - SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

REF: TOKYO 19616

1. KENNEDY STAFF HAS MADE STRONG REQUEST THAT SENATOR KENNEDY HAVE TWO PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICE GUARDS AVAILABLE AROUND THE CLOCK DURING HIS ENTIRE STAY IN JAPAN, AND THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY, LARGELY BECAUSE OF CAROLINE'S PRESENCE, HAVE ONE SUCH GUARD AVAILABLE DURING THAT PORTION OF THE TRIP WHEN THEY WILL BE IN DIFFERENT CITY THAN SENATOR. THIS IS CUSTOMARY ARRANGEMENT WHEN SENATOR TRAVELS, AND DEPT AGREES THAT WE SHOULD SEEK SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT FOR THIS TRIP.

2. KENNEDY STAFF APPRECIATES GOJ WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE 10-MAN POLICE CONTINGENTS FOR PUBLIC APPEARANCES, BUT AD-
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VISES THAT SUCH CONTINGENTS WOULD BE MORE VISIBLE AND CUM-BERSOME THAN INOBTRUSIVE ARRANGEMENT THE SENATOR PREFERS. STAFF BELIEVES THAT PROTECTION MUST BE PROVIDED CONSTANTLY, NOT JUST DURING PUBLIC APPEARANCES, BECAUSE OF VULNERABILI-TY THAT IS INHERENT IN STRUCTURE OF THIS TRIP. THE TRAN-SPORTATION AND LODGING THE GROUP WILL USE, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE

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COMPLETELY OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO ANYONE WHO WISHES ACCESS. ONLY A 24-HOUR SECURITY PLAN CAN DIMINISH THIS VULNERABILITY.

3. DEPT SUGGESTS EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS THE SPECIAL SECURITY NEEDS AND SENSITIVITIES OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY WITH A VIEW TO SECURITY A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE TWO PLAIN-CLOTHES GUARDS CONSTANTLY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AND AN ADDITIONAL PLAIN-CLOTHES GUARD AS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE SEPARATED FAMILY GROUP. EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO PRESENT THIS PLAN AS ALTERNATIVE, NOT COMPLEMENT, TO LOCAL CONTINGENT PLAN, SO THAT BURDEN ON GOJ IS NOT SO MUCH INCREASED AS REDISTRIBUTED. VANCE

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